

# WELCOME

TO CALDECOTT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE









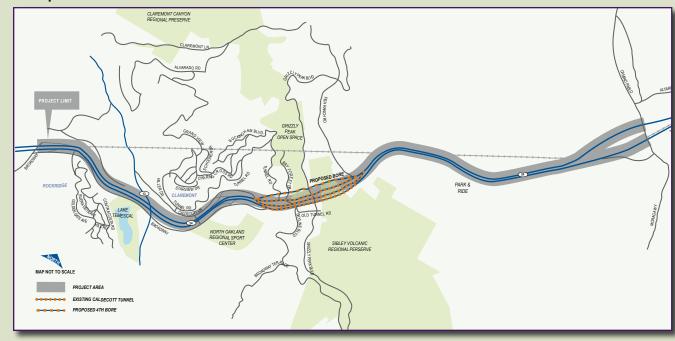
### PROJECT AREA & GOALS



The Caldecott Improvement Project proposes to alleviate traffic congestion along State Route 24 by adding a fourth bore to the Caldecott Tunnels.

#### The goals of the Caldecott Improvement Project are to:

- · Improve mobility for motorists and emergency crews along State Route 24 via the Caldecott tunnels
- · Reduce off-peak delays and improve travel times
- Eliminate the need for daily tunnel lane reversals and merges
- Enhance safety
   for the traveling
   public and Caltrans
   maintenance workers
- Respond to Regional Measure 2 and Contra Costa County Measure J











## PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

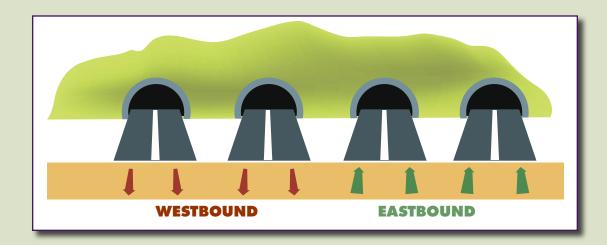


Environmental studies are being conducted to identify long-term, permanent impacts of the project as well as short-term, temporary impacts that may occur during project construction.

### Two-Lane Alternative (2N)

This alternative envisions construction of a new tunnel with two westbound lanes and standard shoulders on an alignment north of the existing tunnels. The proposed tunnel would have:

- · 2 lanes
- · Shoulders on each side of the tunnel
- Emergency walkways on each side of the tunnel
- Tunnel length approximately 3,389 feet.











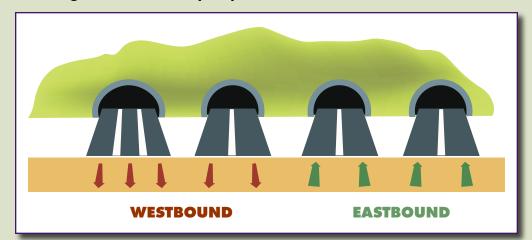
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### Three-Lane Alternative (3N)

This alternative envisions construction of a new tunnel with three westbound lanes and standard shoulders on an alignment north of the existing tunnels. The proposed tunnel would have:

- · 3 lanes
- · Shoulders on each side of the tunnel
- Emergency walkways on each side of the tunnel
- Tunnel length of approximately 3,389 feet.



#### **No-Build Alternative**

This alternative represents existing conditions with no project-related construction. It would not provide any improvements to existing State Route 24 nor would it provide any relief for traffic congestion and delays, which are expected to increase substantially during the next twenty years. The No-Build Alternative provides the baseline for existing environmental conditions against which other alternatives are compared.









### **PROJECT FUNDING**

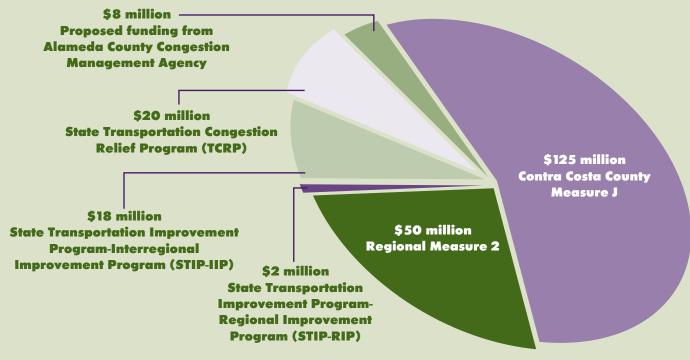


### Regional Measure 2

In March 2004, Bay Area voters approved Regional Measure 2 with 56% of the vote. Regional Measure 2 raises the toll on the nine State-owned toll bridges in the San Francisco Bay Area by \$1.00, thereby generating funds for regional transportation projects including \$50 million for construction of the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel.

### Contra Costa County Measure J

In November 2004, voters in Contra Costa County passed Measure J with 71% of the vote. Measure J, a half-cent sales tax to pay for specific transportation projects, will generate \$125 million for construction of the Caldecott Tunnel fourth bore.











Current Funding for the Caldecott Improvement Project

# TARGETED PROJECT SCHEDULE



